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1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY WISH TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING
 INFORMATION IN THEIR DELAYED PRESS BRIEFING OF THE KABUL
 SITREP (APRIL 8):

3. A RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE REPORTS THAT DURING THE
 FIRST WEEK OF APRIL A MASSIVE SNOW AVALANCHE DESTROYED A
 70-MAN SOVIET POST NEAR KHENJAN (35°36'N 68°54'E) ON THE
 SALANG ROAD NORTH OF THE SALANG TUNNEL. ACCORDING TO THE
 REPORT, ALL SOVIETS MANNING THE BASE WERE KILLED. SOVIET FORCES
 USED ARTILLERY TO BLAST AWAY THE SNOW WHICH BLOCKED THE ROAD.

4. ACCORDING TO THE SAME SOURCE, MUJAHIDIN ROCKETED THE
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DARULAMAN SECTION OF KABUL OVERNIGHT APRIL 4-5.

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5. A SEPARATE RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE REPORTS THAT ON APRIL 3 MUJAHIDIN DOWNED A DRA HELICOPTER IN THE LALANDAR AREA SOUTHWEST OF KABUL.

6. AN AMBASSADOR WITH CLOSE TIES TO THE REGIME CLAIMS THAT THE LONG-DELAYED POPA 21ST PLENUM NOW MAY BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY DUE TO UNRESOLVED DIFFERENCES OVER POWER-SHARING BETWEEN THE PARCHAMI AND KHALQI FACTIONS. EARLIER, A SENIOR DRA AND PARTY FIGURE CLAIMED THAT THE PLENUM WOULD CONVENE EITHER THIS OR NEXT WEEK. (COMMENT: PREPARATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE "SAUR REVOLUTION" (APRIL 27) WOULD SEEM TO MAKE A PLENUM AFTER MID-APRIL UNLIKELY.)

7. MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. EALUM

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